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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

August General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 5:30PM

Cork and Plough

200 Broadway King City, CA

Pasta Prima Vera (chicken & vegetables)
OR
Caesar Salad/w grilled chicken strips

\$30 includes coffee, tea or soda, tax and tip
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!

Credit Cards accepted with fee.

Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by August 6th.

If you can't come to the meeting the day of PLEASE CALL OR TEXT Jeane at 594-2127.

AUGUST MEETING

Our guest speaker for the August general membership meeting will be Shane Lewis, Republican candidate for Congress in the 18th District..

SHANE LEWIS

Shane Lewis is a Marine Corps veteran. Post service he was a worship leader and Elder at a San Jose church while running a music business. Today he works as an R & D Electrical Test Engineer for a medical device company. He has lived in San Jose for the past 28 years with his wife and three children.



BOARD MEETING

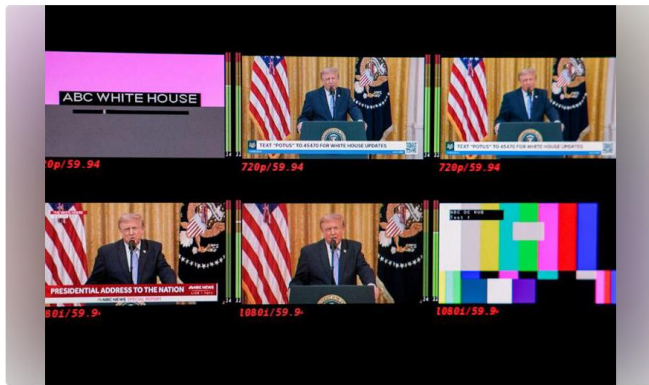
The next board meeting is July 28, 2026 at 11:00 am. See you at West Coast Community Bank large meeting room. Call Kathy at 682-2202 to let her know you will attend.



**PURPLE
HEART DAY**
 **AUGUST 7**



View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell



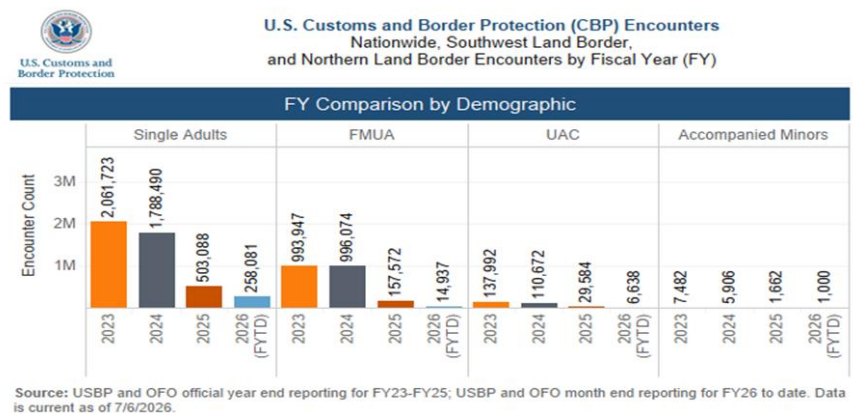
Screens inside the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House display U.S. President Donald Trump speaking about election security during an address to the nation from the East Room of the White House, except for ABC and NBC, who chose to not air the address live on their primary platforms, in Washington, D.C., U.S., July 16, 2026. REUTERS/Kyle Cooper © Thomson Reuters

You have to wonder why so many people have something against President Donald J. Trump when there is documentation to prove that he has done more to improve this country than any other president in the history of the Republic! Most recently, *three major news networks* refused to carry one of his nationwide addresses. ABC, NBC and CNN carried not one word on their primary news outlets and CBS grudgingly carried the speech but spent a good 10-minutes before the event



telling anyone who would listen that what they were about to hear was all B.S.! That's not what news organizations do. You present the facts and let the public decide whether or not it's believable. Streaming an event doesn't count either because not everyone has access to streaming services...you have to *pay* for that. Over-the-air television is free. Then there was Trump who presented the FIFA World Cup soccer trophy to the winner, Spain over Argentina. What did Spanish news media do? They photo-shopped Trump *out* of the celebration picture!

The other day a Florida attorney by the name of Jeff Childress, who has been writing a Substack blog online since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, published a long list of EVERY Trump accomplishment in only his second term. I don't have the space to include the whole list but I am going to use the rest of my allotted space to put emphasis on just how productive this president has been and he still has a couple of years to go:



USAID and "Institute for Peace" shut down...illegal border crossings stopped...over 2.6 illegals including arrested and convicted criminals deported not to mention self-deportees...catch & release ended...drug traffic reduced by 56% and drug deaths down by 21%...Tren de Aragua-MS-13 dismantled and other drug cartels and Antifa designated terrorist groups...Laken/Riley Act signed and enforced...crime down all over the country and homicides at lowest rate since 1900...police officer deaths down 25%... U.S. energy production and exports at all-time highs...inflation down 70% from Biden administration highs...654-thousand new private sector jobs created...4.3% GDP growth...One Big Beautiful Bill passed...Trump Accounts for newborns...\$215 billion in government efficiency cuts...\$5Trillion in deregulation savings...\$10Trillion in domestic manufacturing investment...trade deficit at lowest levels since 2009...stock market through the roof...Gaza cease-fire and at least 6 other conflicts resolved worldwide...Iran's nuclear capabilities destroyed...OPEC dismantled...NATO allies paying their own way [except for Spain]...85-American hostages released...Abraham Accords expanded...Nicolas Maduro captured and Venezuela making economic recovery...South American and European countries shifting conservative...military recruitment highest in over a decade...VA backlog reduced by 60%...DEI eliminated...269-executive orders signed...Federal boards reconfigured...Gender extremism and ideology being curbed, nationwide...major reforms at CDC, FDA, NIH...Sanctuary city funding cut...election integrity being challenged...DOJ-ODNI seizing Fulton County Ga., 2020 Ballots...62-thousand missing migrant children rescued...Alien Enemies Act revoked...John Bolton convicted; James Comey arrested; John Brennan being investigated...J.D. Vance-led welfare fraud task force recovering Billions of \$ and making arrests. How could anyone harbor ill feelings against a person who has done so much for this country in less than two years?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteer: We could use a person with a fairly good i-phone, android, or camera, to take photographs at our meetings. On that same note, please think about the future of our SMCRWF Club. For twenty-five years we have been going strong, accomplishing amazing things. If you are interested in helping the Board in the future, by taking a committee position, or serving as an officer, please let us know. The way to help us is to attend our Board meetings held the last Tuesday of each month (except May and December). We welcome your ideas and energy, as well as giving us hope that you will continue to keep our club going. Darcy Conatser-Pacheco stepped up and offered to serve as Secretary for a two-year term. There are several of us who have played “musical chairs”, for years. The time you will spend is two meetings a month, and together as a Board plan our two fundraisers each year. The good we all do is to donate items to the troops overseas, honor veterans with Wreaths Across America, support and provide information on Republican candidates, legislation and ballot issues.

I close by thanking our editor of the SWCRWF Pachyderm Newsletter, Jeane Errea-Mills for the amazing job she does which takes hours, setting up festive and hilarious clip art and collecting the information for all of us every month. *Please email me if you can help us now or in the future katforg1@aol.com*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Our first of three summer evening meetings kicked off on July 14th. Mayor LeBarre arrived to congratulate two of our 2026 King City High School scholarship winners: Kendyl Burpo and Thomas Storelli and their families. 2nd VP Sharon Hornlein, Scholarship Chair, presented them with their checks for \$1,000. Kendyl is in pursuit of an oncology research career, and is enrolled at Cuesta Junior College with plans to transfer to Cal Poly. Thomas is enrolled at Hartnell Junior College for a career in the commercial and industrial electrical apprenticeship program and plans to remain in the Monterey County area following graduation. Our third scholarship winner, Alejandra Villa-Hernandez, a Greenfield graduate could not be at our dinner due to her enrollment in a Cal Poly summer internship. Her field of study at Cal Poly will be in agricultural engineering, specializing in water management. The Board presented her with her \$1,000 check at the June Board meeting and took her and her mother, Margarita, to lunch. The membership and scholarship recipients and families, heard speaker Ben Strickland, Monterey County Republican Party Central Committee member. Ben gave Kendyl and Thomas information on how to connect with like minded conservative students, to always respect the opinions of those who do not share your interests, and to hold tight to your faith.

BIRTHDAYS

Leonard Anable - August 7
Patty Hearne - August 15
Barbara Wellong - August 16
Susan Rodeck - August 21
Butch Lindley - August 25



FLAG DAYS

August 4 (fixed) Coast Guard Birthday
August 7 National Purple Heart Day

SUNSHINE

If you know of any of our members who are ill or need a cheery “hello”, contact Cheryl Harrison at (831) 320-3256 and she will send a card from our club.

NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Thursday, Aug. 13, Call (831) 624-5433 for information and RSVP

PASO ROBLES RWF

Monday, Aug. 10, Bellasera Hotel, 5:30pm- Speakers-Shannon Kessler and Darsha Stebbins.

REAGAN LIBRARY EVENTS www.reaganfoundation.org

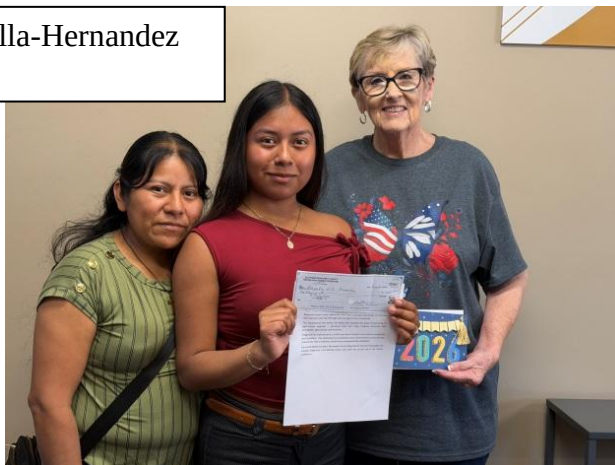
Aug. 26 Teacher Workshop: Founding Friends, Founding Foes: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson- 4pm-5:45pm and 6pm-8:30pm

SPONSOR NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: August 22, Astoria Shooting Range, handgun class 1 -\$200
Contact Junior Nuno to sign up. (831) 901-8860

King City Cemetery Manager Joseph Kerr, SMCRWF/Caring for America Chair Kathy Imamura, King City Cemetery Board Member Brent Conatser, SMCRWF President Kathy Forgnone and SMCRWF Publicity Chair Karen Leonhard.

Margarita and Alejandra Villa-Hernandez with Sharon Hornlein



Jenavieve, Teri and Anthony Storelli, Scholarship winner Thomas Storelli, Sharon, Scholarship winner Kendyl Burpo, Allison Burpo, Mayor Mike Lebarre, Ben Strickland





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Resolution Encouraging Republican Participation in Every Stage of California's Election Process

Whereas, strong civic participation is essential to the preservation of representative government; and

Whereas, in California many elections are effectively decided during the primary election due to historically low voter turnout; and

Whereas, increasing Republican voter engagement and participation is essential to strengthening representation and advancing conservative principles throughout the State of California; and

Whereas, the California Federation of Republican Women has a long and proud tradition of leadership in voter education, grassroots organization, and civic engagement; and

Whereas, participation in California's election system requires engagement not only on Election Day but throughout the entire election process, including voter registration, ballot education, early voting, lawful ballot collection, ballot curing, and election integrity efforts;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the California Federation of Republican Women encourages all clubs and members to actively promote Republican participation in every stage of the election process, including statewide primary and general elections; and

Be it further resolved, that CFRW clubs are encouraged to host voter education forums and ballot information meetings to help members and their communities better understand candidates and ballot measures; and

Be it further resolved, that members are encouraged to promote participation in every election cycle—including local, primary, and general elections—not solely presidential elections; and

Be it further resolved, that CFRW clubs encourage volunteer participation in the election process through roles such as poll workers, election observers, voter registration volunteers, ballot curing assistance, and other lawful election support activities; and

Be it further resolved, that CFRW clubs are encouraged to educate members on legal methods of increasing voter participation, including lawful ballot collection and ballot return assistance as permitted under California law; and

Therefore, be it finally resolved, that each CFRW club is encouraged to incorporate at least one initiative annually that promotes voter awareness, voter education, and increased Republican participation in California elections.



Ingrid Lake
President
California Federation of Republican Women

March 21, 2026

Date

The Fresno Bee

Title change for CA voter ID measure 'fair,' state AG says. GOP calls it 'cheating'

By David Taub Updated July 23, 2026 4:17 PM

Responding to accusations that he is “rigging” the election, California Attorney General Rob Bonta said his office amending the title of a ballot measure for a voter ID requirement is “fair.” Voters on Nov. 3 will decide Proposition 39, which would require government-issued identification to vote. Bonta, as he said is his right, changed the title to “Prohibits Citizens from Voting Unless They Present Government Issued Identification.” When supporters circulate the petition last year, the title read “Establishes Additional Voter Identification and Citizenship Verification Requirements.” State Republicans called foul. Assembly member David Tangipa, R-Clovis, said in a video posted on X: “This is the most blatant form of cheating and rigging for the November election that we have ever seen.” Bonta on Thursday defended his change, answering a question from The Fresno Bee at a news conference. “Our duty is to set forth the chief points and purpose, and to do so in a way that is accurate and fair and descriptive and informative for the voters,” Bonta said. Bonta said it is “very common” to change the title and summary from the petition stage to placing it on the ballot, and allowed by law. He said all nine ballot measures had changes. “Oftentimes, there’s more information. There are additional details to be emphasized. There sometimes is intervening law,” Bonta said. He said the changes are compliant with law, and a “more accurate” description. The proposition is roundly opposed by California’s elected Democrats, who argue the initiative is unnecessary and would disenfranchise voters. Prop. 39 has drawn financial support from right-leaning billionaires as well as grassroots conservative activists. Bonta criticizes GOP Bonta also attacked Tangipa and other state Republican legislatures for their criticism. “I think their language is inappropriate, unfortunate, false,” Bonta said. “But it’s something that I’ve come to expect from some assembly members who want to throw bombs.” Republicans have threatened legal action, but traditionally, the courts have not reversed titles and summaries set by the attorney general. “They have no legal basis,” Bonta said, “and we have completely fulfilled our duty here; fully, legally compliant.” This story was originally published July 23, 2026 at 11:57 AM.

Read more at: <https://www.fresnobee.com/news/politics-government/election/article316629519.html#storylink=cpy>

Los Angeles Times



Proposition 39: Voter identification

- This proposition would require Californians to show government-issued identification every time they vote at the polls.
- If voting by mail, provide the last four digits of a “unique identifying number from government-issued identification” that matches the one they provided when they registered to vote.

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